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Amendments to the Specification:

Please add the following paragraphs starting at line 10 on page 5 of the specification:

B1 Fig. 7A is a side view of an embodiment the carrying device of the present invention fouled up while not in use;

Fig. 7B is a perspective of the carrying device depicted in Fig. 7A;

Please amend the paragraph starting at line 7 page 6 as follows:

B2 Fig. 2 depicts a container or carrying device 30 that can be made of a durable nylon or some similar material in a canvas weave or similar strong weave. The case could also be made of canvas. A handle 32 is formed at the top. Reinforcing sheets 34 can be inserted into pockets 36 on each of the sides of the container 30. The bottom and five other sides of the case 30 each will thus each have a reinforcing sheet 34 inserted into the pocket on each side. The pockets 36 each hold a sheet 34 securely in position. The reinforcing sheets 34 turn the container into a semi-rigid container for carrying various objects and sundry items in its interior 37. The reinforcing sheets 34 are thin flexible but rigid sheets of a length 34L (Fig. 2A) and width 34W. These dimensions are slightly smaller than the dimensions of the side of the case 30 that the sheet would reinforce.

As noted the sheets could be made of cardboard, plastic or some similar light weight, durable and rigid material.

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Please amend the paragraph starting at line 9 page 7 as follows:

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Since the carrying device 30 has rigid sides when 34 ~~when they are~~ inserted into side 36 pockets one could put items directly into the carrying device 30 without first putting the item into a box or other protective covering. However, the item to be transported can be inserted into a box 41 and placed in container 30 as depicted in Fig. 4. One of the advantages of placing the item or items to be carried in a cardboard box or some other box that is roughly the size of the interior space of container 30 when expanded for use is that the rigid panels 34 do not have to be used the box 41 provides the necessary support for the walls of the container 30. In another version of the case 30 of the present invention it could be made without the pockets for rigid panels and instead the object being carried can provide the support for the sides 35 of the case 30. In another variation the object or objects could be placed in a cardboard box of dimensions slightly smaller than the interior carrying space of case 30 and thus, the cardboard box provides the support for the case. Naturally, the box could be made of plastic or any other suitable lightweight material.

Please amend the paragraph starting at line 8 page 8 as follows:

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A transparent pocket 54 is provided on the bag body for recipient of identifiable tags and other paraphernalia. Rollers 59 (Fig. 6) may be used as leg supports attached at the bottom of its stiffened base ~~566~~ 56 to slide the bag body to facilitate handling of thereof. It should be noted that rollers 59 could also be used with the version of the invention depicted in Figs. 2 to 4.

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Please amend the paragraph starting at line 14 page 8 as follows:

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Referring to Fig. 6 the bag body 51 is further provided with rigidifying members 53 removably secured at predetermined locations (preferably at every corner) within the bag body to make the bag body upright at most times and protect the contents thereof from damage due to bumps during handling. The corners are thus reinforced by rigidifying members 53 57, which as depicted in Fig. 6 are a pair of rigid flat projections 57 that fit in to pockets in the corners of the bag or case 50. Each corner has its own set of rigidifying members 53 57. Once inserted into the corners they provide support for the sides of the bag and protection of the corners. These rigidifying members 57 are defined by stiffened unitary elements made preferably from plastic materials. Naturally, the

Please amend the paragraph starting at line 13 page 9 as follows:

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One of the unique aspects of container 71 opens at its top 72. Container 71 as depicted in Fig. 7 has a zipper that runs around three edges 72A, 72B and 72C. Zipper 74 has two zipper pulleys 74A and 74B that meet when the container is zippered closed. Pulleys 74A and 74B have eyelets 74C and 74D at their ends to allow a pad lock, not shown, to secure the case. Naturally, container 71 of the present invention can have a different closing mechanism instead of a zipper and still be practiced.